

GSA Meeting Minutes: January 19, 2016

****GSA Regular Council Meeting, held at Glencairn School in the Library, 6:30 PM**

In Attendance: Cathy Foster (Co-President), Amy Moeder (Co-President), Cat Schwartz (Vice President), Jen Zeman (Treasurer), Kate Burch (Secretary), Lorraine Ware (Principal), Joe Smith (Teacher), Diane Olmstead (Teacher), Heidi Phillips (DPC Rep), James and Sarah Barger (Parents), Shannon Schokora (Parent), Karessa Wheeler (Parent), Jinfeng Wu (Parent), Zhenqiao Song (Parent), Sarah Holden (Parent), Karin Polischuk (Parent), Mindy Morgan (Parent), Madalitso Magombo (Parent), Sayunthiny Krishnakumav (Parent), Jinfeng Wu (Parent), Tan Zuwei (Parent), Caiqiang Li (Parent), Benyou Chen (Parent), Jennifer Lathom (Parent) Andrea Besley (Parent).

****Meeting agenda approval: Approved**

****December meeting minutes approval: Approved**

Teacher Presentation: (Diane Olmstead-Art Teacher and Joe Smith- P.E. Teacher)

Diane: Currently, students are working on winter projects. Kindergarten is working on winter skies and snowmen, 1st grade is working on snow angels and a stitchery project, 2nd grade is talking about shadows and working on snowmen at night, 3rd grade is making clay owls and doing a weaving project, 4th grade is doing print making with Navajo blanket patterns, and 3-D masks, and 5th graders are doing one-point perspective city scenes and 3-D totem poles. Some upcoming events are the yearly art show which will be held at Scene Metrospace in East Lansing (it has previously been held at the East Lansing Public Library). This will showcase student work from February 28-March 12. Art for Charlie will take place at the Broad Museum April 16-17, and at the Marriott from April 19-30. Classes will submit collaborative work for Art for Charlie. The Ingham ISD is holding an art contest where each teacher can submit art from 20 students to be judged. Accepted work is framed and displayed at the ISD building for a year.

Joe: In P.E., students are working on fitness skills (body weight exercises), skill development (throwing, catching, etc.) and friendly game play (problem solving).

There will be a Track and Field day for 4th and 5th graders in the spring where each student can pick 2 events to participate and compete in. The Glencairn Field Day will also take place in the spring and parent volunteers will be needed.

Principal's Report: (Lorraine Ware) Currently, at Glencairn they are working on teaching respectful playground behavior. They had some issues with children being exclusionary about fort building on the playground and these issues were continuing to interfere with learning time after recess was over. It was decided that there would only be one school-wide Glencairn fort that every student could help with.

The Student Leadership Team voted on options for the movie night movie, with the final school-wide vote deciding on the "Minions" movie. This year, the Student Leadership motto is: "Friendship is the heart of Glencairn School. Many cultures, many friends." The proceeds from this Friday's movie night will go towards purchasing a "Buddy Bench" for the playground. The Student Leadership Team helps children have a voice in the school. They made a video to show proper lunchroom behavior after there were issues with noise during lunchtime. The video will be shown at Morning Celebration and will be posted to the school website.

Eighteen new students have started school at Glencairn in the last 11 days. Sixteen of those students are receiving ELL services. Teachers and students work hard to welcome new students to the school. There are currently 318 children enrolled at Glencairn.

Mid-winter assessments are taking place right now. The 4th and 5th graders have whole group assessments while the lower elementary students are being pulled out individually for testing. There will be a teacher meeting next week to look at which students need extra support in math and reading.

DPC Report: (Heidi Phillips) Heidi attended the DPC meeting this month and Dr. Thompson went over the Superintendents report. Representatives from each school were unable to attend, so school reports were not given from each school. Donley discussed their Title 1 funding and how it impacts all students. On March 4th, there will be a Teacher Advisory Meeting.

Scholastic Book Fair: (Karessa Wheeler) The Scholastic Book Fair will take place March 21-26. Volunteers will be needed and a sign-up will be posted on the scholastic website. Karessa welcomes input about times and advertising.

Treasurer's Report: (Jen Zeman) The Playground Account has just over \$4,000.00. We still need to purchase 2 additional benches for the playground; donor signs and bricks also need to come out of that account. So far, we have purchased soccer nets, soccer goals and a sandbox cover for the playground. After all fees are paid and we've bought all items, we will probably have used all of the money in the playground account. There is money in the "Glencairn Enrichment Fund" which is currently being used for taxicabs. That money can also be used for other things such as the purchase of snow pants for students who need them. Jen emailed a "Teacher Wish list" out to families for school supplies that teachers need.

4ELSchoolKids.com: (Jennifer Lathom) There is a petition circulating in the community, asking the East Lansing Board of Education to focus on the un-met needs in the buildings that are

currently open, and to slow down on the re-opening of Red Cedar Elementary. Each elementary school has come up with a letter and list of the needs for their school. The goal of this, is to have open communication throughout the district about current needs. For more information, visit 4ESchoolKids.com